

*Panola and Shelby counties; Panola the returning county.*— Benjamin Marbry Baker, of Carthage, Panola county, was born in Girard, Russell county, Alabama, January 20, 1850; moved to Texas, November 24, 1869, and settled at Carthage; received a common school education; studied law at Carthage, and commenced practice June 9, 1878; has been mayor of Carthage, and was a member of the House of Representatives in the Fifteenth Legislature; being fifteen years old when the war closed, did not serve in the army; was elected to the Sixteenth Legislature, as a Democrat, with no opposition.